

Living Wisely Under the Lordship of Christ **Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:14**

Main Point:

As you live under the Lordship of Christ, always choose the way of wisdom.

1. Jesus is the Sovereign Lord of your life.
2. This means you should take to heart your death.
3. This means you should listen to the rebuke of others.
4. This means you should wait patiently on Him to work.
5. This means you should acquiesce willingly to His work.
6. This means you should always choose the way of wisdom.

Philip Ryken “We need to know our limits, and one of our limits is that we do not have the wisdom to out-talk God. No matter what we say, telling God that he ought to do this or shouldn’t do that, our words will never change his wise plan for ruling the universe.”

Job 42:3, 6 3 ... I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know ... 6 Therefore I abhor *myself*, And repent in dust and ashes.” (NKJV)

Sidney Greidanus “Mere earthlings cannot dispute with the Creator of the universe.”

Thomas Boston “In the day of his birth he was born to die, but in the day of his death he dies to live.”

Philip Ryken “At a birth (and on all festive ... occasions) the general mood is excited and expansive. It is no time for dwelling on life’s brevity or on human limitations: we let our fancies and our hopes run high. At the house of mourning, on the other hand, the mood is thoughtful and the facts are plain.”

Gordon Keddie “Death knocks away the props and planks with which people shore up their empty lives. Death reminds us of the realities that at other times we succeed in blotting out of our minds. And this is because ‘every funeral anticipates our own’.”

Douglas Sean O’Donnell “Death is an enemy ... but also an evangelist.”

Charles Spurgeon “[Death] is the greatest thing we have to do, and we have soon to do it, so let us talk and think something about it.”

Philip Ryken “One of the best ways to learn how to live well in this vain world is to receive correction from people who are wiser than we are.”

Hebrews 12:11 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken “It applies to any area in life where we think we know best and wish that God would hurry up and do something ...”

Benjamin Shaw “Impatience is the illegitimate offspring of self-worship.”

Thomas Boston “While we are here, there will be cross events, as well as agreeable ones ... Sometimes things are softly and agreeably gliding on; but, by and by, there is some incident which alters that course, grates us, and pains us ... Everybody’s lot in this world has some crook in it.”

Philip Ryken “When something in life seems crooked, we are usually very quick to tell him how to straighten it out. Instead we should let God straighten *us* out! In his sovereignty over our suffering, God is hard at work to accomplish our real spiritual good ...”

Job 2:10 10 ... Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity? ... (NKJV)

Douglas Sean O’Donnell “Money has its advantages. If you have money, when adversity strikes - the loss of a job, a sputtering economy, a natural disaster - you have some shelter and security. Similarly, wisdom protects. The wise know how to navigate through life’s deep and difficult waters.”